

CALFRESH (CF) PROGRAM

REQUEST FOR POLICY/REGULATION INTERPRETATION

INSTRUCTIONS: Complete items 1 - 10 on the form. Use a separate form for each policy interpretation request. Retain a copy of the CF 24 for your records.

- Questions from counties, including county Quality Control, must be submitted by the county CalFresh Coordinator and may be submitted directly to the CalFresh Policy analyst assigned responsibility for the county, with a copy directed to the appropriate CalFresh Policy unit manager.
- Questions from Administrative Law Judges may be submitted directly to the CalFresh Policy analyst assigned responsibility to the county where the hearing took place, with a copy of the form directed to the appropriate CalFresh Bureau unit manager.

1. RESPONSE NEEDED DUE TO: <input type="checkbox"/> Policy/Regulation Interpretation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> QC <input type="checkbox"/> Fair Hearing <input type="checkbox"/> Other:		5. DATE OF REQUEST: 8/17/2012	NEED RESPONSE BY: ASAP
2. REQUESTOR NAME: Ninh Do		6. COUNTY/ORGANIZATION: Contra Costa County- EHSD	
3. PHONE NO.: 925 677-2921		7. SUBJECT: Household composition / income	
4. REGULATION CITE(S): 63-402.1, 63-4-502, 63-503.45		8. REFERENCES: (Include ACL/ACIN, court cases, etc. in references) NOTE: All requests must have a regulation cite(s) and/or a reference(s). MPP 63-402.1 - Household composition MPP 63-502 Income MPP 63-503.45	

9. QUESTION: (INCLUDE SCENARIO IF NEEDED FOR CLARITY):

Case scenario:

This is a PACF case that selected for May 2012 QC Review. Both parents and the children were evicted in early 3/2012. The mother and the children moved in temporary with her brother under one condition that the father is not allowed to move in with them. So the father is homeless. However, the family remains intact, P/P together themselves (but separated from brother's family).

1/ Is he eligible or in-eligible to be included in the CF HH?

2/ If we determine he is not part of the CFHH, do we still count his UIB in the CF budget?

Note: Currently, the father is included in both AU (CalWORKs) and CFHH. His UIB is counted in both programs. See additional information submitted on 09/24/12 in regard to CF 24. (PART II)

10. REQUESTOR'S PROPOSED ANSWER:

1/ Based on the EAS 63-402.1: "A household is a group of people living together who purchase and prepare their meals together". In this situation, the father is not residing with the family so he can't not be part of the CFHH.

2/ Since he is a member of the Cash Unit and his UIB benefits has been counted in the CalWORKs budget, therefore, his UIB would still be counted in the CF budget, even if he is out of the CFHH as income is available to the HH.

See additional information provided to CDSS. (Attached e-mail)

11. STATE POLICY RESPONSE (CFPB USE ONLY):

1) Based on the scenario above the state concurs with the above proposed answer. In this situation, the unmarried mom and children are living with the brother, and the father is homeless and does not reside with brother, but is buying food and eating with his family occasionally.

MPP Section 63-402.13 -states that a CalFresh household shall consist of individuals or groups of individuals who live together and customarily purchase food and prepare meals together for home consumption; therefore the father is ineligible to participate in the CalFresh household as he does not reside with mom and children.

2) The income of the father would not be counted in the CalFresh budget because he is not a member of household and is not contributing monies to the mother and children.

FOR CDSS USE

DATE RECEIVED:

DATE RESPONDED TO COUNTY/ALJ:

9/26/12

Clark, Shanee@DSS

From: Ninh Do <NDO@ehsd.cccounty.us>
Sent: Tuesday, September 04, 2012 4:09 PM
To: Clark, Shanee@DSS
Subject: FW: Household Composition question (State QC sample for May 2012)
Attachments: CF24 (4).pdf

Importance: High

Hi Shanee,

I would like to follow up information on this case scenario. This is a State QC Sample for May 2012.

Parents are unmarried and have one child in common. The father is not contributed any \$ directly to the mother & child. He is buying foods (as he is eating with them), and personal things for them when needed.

I just found out from the CalWORKs side that the father should not be included in the assistance unit after 30 days if the family is not residing together.

For CalFresh program, I determined that he should not be included in the CFHH because they are not residing together even though they remain intact family and P&P meal together. I also would not count his UIB in the CalFresh budget as he is not contributing monetary to the mother and the child.

Thanks,

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